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TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 876

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EINV, PINT, ET

SUBJECT: SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

REF: ADDIS ABABA 10157 AND PREVIOUS

1. DR. JESS HOLM HAS JUST PHONED THE EMBASSY TO REPORT THE OUTCOME OF THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS' DAY IN COURT. HOLM REPORTED THAT HE HAD JUST LEFT THE COURT AT 18:30 LOCAL TIME AFTER SPENDING THE ENTIRE DAY AWAITING A HEARING ON THE CASE. A DIRG OBSERVER WAS PRESENT IN THE COURT AND HE APPARENTLY HAD A MAJOR EFFECT ON THE BEHAVIOR OF THE FORMERLY HOSTILE JUDGE. ONCE THE CASE WAS FINALLY HEARD, IT PROGRESSED MUCH AS WE HAD BEEN LED TO HOPE THAT IT WOULD. THE THREAT OF JAIL FOR HOLM AND THE THREE OTHER SDA OFFICIALS WAS REMOVED AND THE QUESTION OF PAYMENT OF THE ETH\$376,000 FOR SEVERENCE AND COMPENSATION PAY REVERTED TO THE ORIGINAL UNDERSTANDING. THUS, THE MONEY WILL BE PROVIDED FROM THE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AS OF THE DATE OF NATIONALIZATION OF THE HOSPITAL. THE SDA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING THE AMOUNTS DUE FROM ITS CLIENTS. THE JUDGE SAID THAT THEY SHOULD RETURN TO HIS COURT IN TWO WEEKS AND HE IMPLIED THAT IF THE FULL AMOUNT HAS BEEN COLLECTED, THE CASE WILL BE CLOSED AND DR. HOLM WILL BE FREE TO LEAVE ETHIOPIA. THE SDA HAS ALREADY COLLECTED ETH.\$250,000 AND HOLM BELIEVES THAT THE REMAINDER WILL BE COLLECTED IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

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2. THE IMMEDIATE THREAT OF ARREST OF A US CITIZEN HAS PASSED.  
IT ALSO APPEARS THAT THE ENTIRE ISSUE OF SEVERENCE AND  
COMPENSATION PAY MAY BE SOLVED IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS ALTHOUGH THIS  
IS NOT CERTAIN AT THIS TIME. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER EARLY NEXT  
WEEK WHEN WE ARE ABLE TO DISCUSS THE COURT APPEARANCE MORE FULLY  
WITH HOLM AND THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

3. PLEASE PASS THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO THE SDA IN WASHINGTON.  
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